



## Washington Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors

*A professional organization of individuals and organizations serving citizens in the development, regulation, and administration of cable television and other telecommunication systems.*

### WATOA Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2021

1. Call to Order – 2:03 PM
2. Roll Call of Officers

WATOA Board Position	2021 Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Jeff Lueders, City of Tacoma	x	
Vice-President	Robin Steel, City of Bellevue	x	
Board Secretary	Megan Hutton, Pierce County	x	
Treasurer	Alice Lawson, City of Seattle		x
Regional Rep: District 1 (North & Puget)	Ben Skudlarek, City of Bellingham	x	
Regional Rep: District 2 (King)	Amber Olds, City of Auburn		x
Regional Rep: District 3 (Puget & Coast)	Jon Rauch, City of Bremerton		x
Regional Rep: District 4 (Southwest)	Jim Demmon, City of Vancouver	x	
Regional Rep: District 5 (Rainier Valley)	Derek Young, Pierce County		x
Regional Rep: District 6 (Central)	Ben Faubion, City of Ellensburg	x	
Regional Rep: District 7 (Northeast)	John Delay, City of Spokane		x
Regional Rep: District 8 (Tri-Cities)	Jon Funfar, City of Pasco	x	
Regional Rep: District 9 (At-Large)	Edgar Riebe, Seattle Public Schools		x
Past-President	George Geyer, Kitsap County		x

3. Approval of Agenda for November 10, 2021
  - a. Motion: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon F Approval: approved
4. Approval of minutes from the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting
  - a. Motion: Jim D 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robin Approval: approved
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
  - a. None
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
  - a. None
7. Secretary's Report
  - a. Members motioned and approved by email up to \$150 for a memorial gift for John Delay; he lost both parents within one week while we were at WATOA.
8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
  - a. \$1,260 invoice arrived from NATOA for 42 non-members
  - b. Previous balance 9/31/21 \$21,836.76
  - c. New balance 10/31/21 \$17,699.08
    - i. Conference costs
      1. Outstanding checks \$15,240.84
      2. Pending deposit \$11,925.00
      3. Still working on resolving financial details from conference
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Conference Cmte – Chris Jaramillo

- i. Debriefing the Annual Conference in Chelan
    1. Reception
      - a. People liked walking to the location, good food, can leave when they want
    2. Sessions
      - a. Good discussion led to sessions running long.
      - b. Consider providing a mix of 45-minute and 1-hour sessions
    3. Planning & prep
      - a. Adding more people to the planning cmte and/or monthly/weekly planning calls
    4. Vendors
      - a. More vendor in-between session time is needed
    5. Consider in-person conference for 2023
  - ii. 2021 conference feedback forms
    1. 10 people have responded so far, will push a second reminder to get more feedback, discuss at next meeting
- b. Membership/Nominating
    - i. 2022 membership renewals to be sent out via email
    - ii. The board looked over the election ballot during the call. Alice will set up an online voting.
      1. District 5 – Derek Young was mistakenly listed for reelection. He was moved to the list of members who will stay on.
      2. Districts 2, 4, 6, 8 up for election, along with President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary
      3. Motion to approve ballot for use: Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben, approved
10. Old Business
    - a. None
  11. New Business
    - a. Start thinking about E-WATOA webinar content for 2022
    - b. Consider a board retreat on the west side in winter 2022
  12. Good of the Order
    - a. ENATOA – Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Peg channels 2021 and beyond
  13. Next Meeting(s)
    - a. December 8, 2021 – 2:00 PM
  14. Adjournment –2:59 PM